

**Republican State Ticket.**  
Superior Court Judges:  
JAMES A. BEAVER, Centre;  
HOWARD J. BAKER, Northampton;  
JOHN J. WICKHAM, Beaver;  
GEORGE B. GRADY, Huntingdon;  
CHARLES E. RICE, Luzerne;  
E. N. WILLIAMS, Lackawanna.  
State Treasurer:  
B. J. HAYWOOD, Mercer.

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County Treasurer:  
AARON F. STOVEN, Quakertown.  
Register of Wills:  
CHRISTOPHER S. GRUBB, Hilltown.  
Director of the Poor:  
HOWARD Y. RICH, Thunstead.  
Coroner:  
W. H. KINSMAN, Tinticum.  
Surveyor:  
EDWARD R. KIRK, Buckingham.

**Personal Mention.**  
Miss Anna B. Foster is visiting friends in Spring City, Pa.  
Dr. Howard Purcell is visiting friends in Western Pennsylvania and Western New York.  
Mrs. H. A. Collins, of Statesville, N. C., was the guest of Mrs. A. S. Wilson, last week.  
Mrs. Wilson Randall and Mrs. M. A. Duncan were visiting relatives in Newtown last week.  
Mr. Philip Hazell and son, Philip Hazell, Jr., and Charles Stackhouse are at the Atlanta Exposition.  
Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Walton, of Willow Grove, Mrs. H. J. Shoemaker and Miss Elsie Shoemaker, of Doylestown, were guests at Wilson Randall's on Saturday and Sunday.

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The changed conditions of modern life render it foolish or impossible in cities and the rural sections when it is called into action, are not usually marked by loving-kindness and christian charity. Clergymen as a rule are gentlemen, and exhibit the same kind consideration and tender concern for the poor as the rich. Mr. Morrow did when he granted the faculty to Mr. Auld, and they are usually able to sustain their own dignity without calling upon this old canon for assistance. Exactly why Mr. Morrow should seek to stir up a fight with St. Paul's Mission is not clear. He was not the town when the trouble began. We have been in the habit of minding our own business and have never that I am aware of sought to injure him. It may be that the erection of our new building has caused some of his parishioners to grind their teeth and forget to say their prayers. We hope they will not hurt themselves, we didn't put up the building to torment them but simply for our own purposes, they do not even have to look at it, and the spectacle of the rector of St. James losing his head over the matter might seem to imply that some of his faculties had been diminished about the time he began that of Mr. Auld. A. WEIN GILKESON.

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**Alas!**  
O, where is the girl who used to play "The Maiden's Prayer," and oft crocheted in such a sweet, delicious way, in color, striking!  
Who loved to see the house well kept; Who doted on rose, letimias, and syrens. And pensively o'er "East Lynne," wept? She's gone a-blinking.

**Sing a Song of Bicycles.**  
Sing a song of bicycles, a pocket full of gold! Four and twenty different kinds, and each the best one sold! Each one with its parisons its eclogues to sing; Every one the daintiest that ever bore a king.  
The king has left his counting house and wisely spent his money; The queen and he are bicycling, forgetting bread and honey; The maid has bought a wheel, too, and left her hanging clothes; 'T would take a nimble blackbird now to nip off half her nose.  
"Why does the lamb love Mary so?" The eager neighbors cry, "Because 'tis laid in now her bow," The gossips all replied.

**Shoemaker-Thomas.**  
The marriage of Miss Elsie Olinat Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse O. Thomas, and Mr. George Appleton Shoemaker, both of Bristol, took place at the residence of the bride's parents, 22nd and Chestnut streets, on Tuesday evening, at 6.30 o'clock. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. J. H. Mason Knox, of Baltimore, Md., assisted by the Rev. Dr. E. P. Shields, pastor of the Bristol Presbyterian Church. The best man was Mr. Joseph B. Grunly.  
Among those present were Mrs. C. W. Shoemaker, Mrs. Emma F. Grunly, Mrs. Anna P. Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. Edward P. Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Pearce, and Mr. Tour O. Pearce, of Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph V. Holmes, of Shrewsbury, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Shoemaker, Mr. B. F. Shoemaker and Miss Rebecca K. Shoemaker, of Point Pleasant, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. William Wagner, of New York; Mrs. Henry K. Love, of Des Moines, Iowa; Mr. Calvin Phillips, of Tacoma, Wash.; Mr. Charles J. Estep and Mr. J. M. Estep, of Cleveland, Ohio; Miss Lillie Taylor, of Cambridge, Ohio; Rev. Dr. J. H. M. Knox, of Baltimore, Md.; Mr. and Mrs. William V. Leach, Miss Annie B. Landreth, Mr. Joseph R. Grunly, Mrs. Jane Baker, and Rev. Dr. E. P. Shields, of Bristol, Pa.  
After November 20th Mr. and Mrs. Shoemaker will be at home at "The Rittenhouse," 22nd and Chestnut, on Friday's.

**Hermon Lodge, No. 169, Knights of Pythias.**  
Last Friday evening brought a good attendance at the meeting of Hermon Lodge, owing to it being the occasion of the final consideration of the revised By-Laws. There were a number of changes recommended by the committee on revision, some of which were not accepted by the Lodge, while others were heavily concurred in. An event of interest was the report of the committee on resolutions in regard to the resignation of Brother A. L. Garwood, who has served the Lodge continuously as treasurer for the period of seventeen years. Mr. Garwood has also the honor of having been the first presiding officer of the Lodge, twenty-seven years ago. C. S.

**Two Popular Plays.**  
"The Mouse Trap" and "The Happy Pair" to be given on Tuesday, October 29th, at 8 P. M., at the Republican Club Hall, Bridgewater, in the interest of Christ Church, Eddington.  
Eddington and vicinity are in anticipation of a delightful evening when "The Mouse Trap," one of Mr. Howell's most charming plays, will be presented in connection with "The Happy Pair" at the above time and place. The troupe is from Philadelphia, and comprises some charming young ladies of St. Mark's Church, who play these little dramas with Mr. Christie, who is now engaged at one of our city theatres.  
The order of the evening, it is expected, will be a very successful one, as it has been planned with reference to giving every one a thoroughly enjoyable time, as theatrical attractions are few and far between at this distance from the city. Those who love good music will give Professor Laford, violinist, and leader of the Holmesburg Orchestra, and Miss Wagner, pianist, and one time pupil of Michael Cross, the warm welcome they both deserve.  
A stage will run from Rue's store, Cornwells, stopping at J. G. Vandegrift's, Eddington, and returning to Rue's store, turning the same route. A moderate fare will be charged. Cornwells passengers will be at Rue's at 7 o'clock. Eddington passengers at J. G. Vandegrift's at 7.15 o'clock.  
Reserved seats now on sale at Bristol Gazette office; Siple's store, Bridgewater; Eddington station, and will be on hand on the morning of October 29th at the Hall.  
As our friends from Philadelphia who will furnish this delightful entertainment are giving their time and talents free of charge and purely from the love of doing good to others, let not only Christ Church parish, in whose interest the affair is given, but the philanthropic public all along the pike (not forgetting our Halmerville friends) patronize the affair and secure their seats early.

**LITERARY NOTES.**  
The November number of Harper's is distinguished by the strength and variety of its fiction. It opens with a brilliant short story by Brander Matthews, called "Men and Women and Horses." This story deals with the annual New York horse-show, and illustrations, true to the fashionable life represented, have been made for it by W. T. Smalley. In "A Pilgrim on the Gila" Owen Winter tells a tale of politics and highway robbery in Arizona, in which fiction thinly disguises fact. This almost true story, which is a longer and more ambitious work than the author has hitherto attempted, is illustrated by Frederic Remington. Harriet Prescott Spofford gives a vivid picture of Washington life in "A Thanksgiving Breakfast," a tale appropriate to the season. "Phantomism, Doobie's Adventure," the second of John Ralph's stories of China, is a story of the life of a Chinese merchant, and C. D. Weldon furnishes characteristic illustrations. Thomas Hardy's serial, "Hearts Inaugural," is completed. In the "Personal Recollections of Joan of Arc," illustrated by F. V. Du Mond, we have the story of the first battle in the capture of Orleans. The charm of fiction also pervades "Out of the World at Corinto," an account by Richard Harding Davis of his enforced stay last winter at an unrequited Central American port. W. D. Howells's recollections of "Literary Boston Thirty Years Ago" include an appreciative view of that New England society which was conscious of possessing a national literature. As Mr. Howells himself puts it, he "arrived in Boston when all talents had more or less a literary coloring, and when the greatest talents were literary." Those Bailey Aldrich, James R. Osgood, Lucy Larcom, Celia Thaxter, Harriet Prescott Spofford, Artemus Ward, George Ticknor, and many others are some of the interesting persons characterized by Mr. Howells in this article. Pontney Bigelow's "The German Struggle for Liberty" tells the story of Napoleon's suicidal invasion of Russia. R. Caton Woodville's striking illustrations continue to enhance the attractiveness of this popular history. In "Recent Impressions of Anglo-Indian Life" Edwin Lord Weeks describes with the aid of his own drawings a curious political and social situation as he recently observed it, and gives some timely comment on the silver question in British India. Charles Dudley Warner in the "Editor's Study" discusses a variety of present-day interests, and the "Editor's Drawer" of current humor contains a farce by John Kendrick Bangs called "The Bicyclers," with illustrations by Edward Penfield.

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**LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.**  
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—Thanksgiving will be the next holiday.  
—Mary King, of Bristol, has been granted a respite and increase of pension.  
—Hallow 'E'en next Thursday night. Take in your movable gates and door steps.  
—Philip Stackhouse and George Brown-flek have opened a new meat market at 433 Borraine street.  
—A piano supper will be given in the Presbyterian Church on Friday evening, November 1st, commencing at six o'clock. Tickets, 25 cents.  
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—Bridget Rich, of Bristol, was released from jail on last Thursday morning. She had been serving time since the C. O. (Civil) Court for the non-payment of costs.  
—Thomas DeWitt, the Pond street florist, has over 1000 Chrysanthemum plants in full bloom. Many of the plants are over 4 feet in height, flowers 6 inches in diameter.  
—List of letters remaining in Bristol post-office, October 24th, 1895: Miss Nellie Mull, Miss Elva Whittington, Mrs. Mary Laitsch, Miss Kate Hennessy, Fritz Heidecker, H. M. Huffman.  
—The Second Baptist Church of Bristol (colored) is building a new church on Race street. It will be a frame structure and will have a seating capacity of about three hundred.  
—Smith Brothers, of Yardville, N. J., who recently rented J. H. Wood's store room, on corner of Mill and Wood streets, opened on Saturday with a full line of goods suitable for the fall and winter season.  
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—The following new books have been placed on the shelves of the Bristol Library: "In the Procession," "The Cliff Dwellers," "A Colonial Moving," "The Adventures of Captain Horn," "My Literary Passion," "Doreen" and "Kitty's Engagement."

**Barns Burned.**  
Early on Saturday evening the barn on the farm late of Jacob M. Johnson in Bensalem was discovered to be on fire, which was quickly consumed, together with the hay and crops therein. Aaron Goodman who farms the place was at supper when the fire broke out. It is thought to be the work of an incendiary. The crops were insured in the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Co., and the buildings in a Philadelphia Co. On Sunday afternoon a barn on the farm of Anton Krusen, a mile east of Newtown, with all its contents was burned; the loss is \$3000 with only \$800 insurance. While this barn was burning the large barn of Stephen Jannet, on the adjoining farm, was discovered to be on fire, and was quickly consumed, together with all the outbuildings, wagon house, ice house and corn crib. Two fine horses, two mules and a number of hogs perished in the flames. Mr. Jannet's loss is \$8000, partly insured in the Buckingham and Langhorne Companies. Mr. Krusen's barn is supposed to have been fired by an incendiary, and it is thought that a spark from this fire was carried by the wind and caused the fire at Mr. Jannet's. The fine large barn on the farm of Edward N. Rly, near Yardville, and the carriage house, corn house and other outbuildings were destroyed by fire about 11 o'clock Sunday night. Three horses, nine cows, all the season's crops, machinery, etc., were consumed. This was a comparatively new barn, one having been burned on the same site some years ago. The loss will be \$10,000. Mr. Rly has an insurance in the Lexington Company of \$8000. The fire was the work of an incendiary. On Monday night a small barn at Eddington belonging to C. S. Vandegrift was burned by an incendiary.

**Wedding Anniversary.**  
Last Saturday evening the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Watson on Jefferson avenue was the scene of a delightful evening party in celebration of their seventh wedding anniversary. The decorations of the table and the presents from their numerous friends were very pretty. The Misses Peterson assisted the hostess in a very admirable manner in receiving and entertaining the numerous guests.  
Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Burton, of Tullytown; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morrow, of Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. John Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Burton, Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Gehan, Mr. and Mrs. Alpheus Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. John Stout and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Stout, Miss Ella Morrow, Miss Morrow, of Philadelphia; Misses Hartshorn, Misses Buck, Miss Sallie Thorton, Miss Anna Peterson, Miss Emily Peterson, Miss Lucy Peterson, Miss Lizette Peterson, Mr. Andrew Fenton, Mr. Robert J. Hetherington, Mr. G. J. Cakes, Mr. William Smyer.

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H. Clay Beatty Circle, No. 2, Ladies of the G. A. R., on last Thursday evening, gave a reception in honor of their Department President Mrs. Marie F. Ely, on her return from visiting the National Convention at Louisville, Ky., and also from visiting a number of circles in different parts of the State. There were a number of visitors from the different circles in Philadelphia, including Department President, Marie F. Ely, Past Department President, Mrs. John P. Shade, Department Secretary, Mrs. Annie Michener, also Mrs. M. Woodley, an old army nurse in the late war. The evening passed very pleasantly with kindly greetings and short speeches from the distinguished guests, and several songs by little Edna Grace Hein. At 10 o'clock all adjourned to a very enjoyable supper, after which the guests left for their homes in Philadelphia, much pleased with their visit to Bristol.

**LITERARY NOTES.**  
The November number of Harper's is distinguished by the strength and variety of its fiction. It opens with a brilliant short story by Brander Matthews, called "Men and Women and Horses." This story deals with the annual New York horse-show, and illustrations, true to the fashionable life represented, have been made for it by W. T. Smalley. In "A Pilgrim on the Gila" Owen Winter tells a tale of politics and highway robbery in Arizona, in which fiction thinly disguises fact. This almost true story, which is a longer and more ambitious work than the author has hitherto attempted, is illustrated by Frederic Remington. Harriet Prescott Spofford gives a vivid picture of Washington life in "A Thanksgiving Breakfast," a tale appropriate to the season. "Phantomism, Doobie's Adventure," the second of John Ralph's stories of China, is a story of the life of a Chinese merchant, and C. D. Weldon furnishes characteristic illustrations. Thomas Hardy's serial, "Hearts Inaugural," is completed. In the "Personal Recollections of Joan of Arc," illustrated by F. V. Du Mond, we have the story of the first battle in the capture of Orleans. The charm of fiction also pervades "Out of the World at Corinto," an account by Richard Harding Davis of his enforced stay last winter at an unrequited Central American port. W. D. Howells's recollections of "Literary Boston Thirty Years Ago" include an appreciative view of that New England society which was conscious of possessing a national literature. As Mr. Howells himself puts it, he "arrived in Boston when all talents had more or less a literary coloring, and when the greatest talents were literary." Those Bailey Aldrich, James R. Osgood, Lucy Larcom, Celia Thaxter, Harriet Prescott Spofford, Artemus Ward, George Ticknor, and many others are some of the interesting persons characterized by Mr. Howells in this article. Pontney Bigelow's "The German Struggle for Liberty" tells the story of Napoleon's suicidal invasion of Russia. R. Caton Woodville's striking illustrations continue to enhance the attractiveness of this popular history. In "Recent Impressions of Anglo-Indian Life" Edwin Lord Weeks describes with the aid of his own drawings a curious political and social situation as he recently observed it, and gives some timely comment on the silver question in British India. Charles Dudley Warner in the "Editor's Study" discusses a variety of present-day interests, and the "Editor's Drawer" of current humor contains a farce by John Kendrick Bangs called "The Bicyclers," with illustrations by Edward Penfield.

**OUR PHILADELPHIA LETTER.**  
(From Our Regular Correspondent.)  
PHILADELPHIA, October 23rd, 1895.—The fact that Mr. Peter A. B. Widener is having a yacht built that he may cruise around the world is received with a great deal of interest by many Philadelphians who will remember when Mr. Widener used to stand behind a butcher's stall in one of our public markets arrayed in a big white apron and with a deft hand serve them with choice cuts of beef, pork and mutton. The rise of Mr. Widener from the humble calling of a butcher to a position where he is enabled to cruise around the world like a prince is an illustration of the opportunities which this country affords to men of pluck and industry and brains, for no one need think that Mr. Widener's millions were acquired without all of these essentials to success.  
Probably the foundation of his fortune was laid when he was treasurer of the city of Philadelphia. In those days it was customary for the banks holding the deposits of city funds to pay interest or a gratuity to the treasurer, no interest being then paid to the city, except the deposits of the city funds. No questions were asked and the revenue thus obtained was considered to be one of the perquisites of the office. This custom would doubtless still have prevailed had not the Keystone National Bank failed, causing a loss to the city of one million dollars. Mr. Bardsley simply followed the example of his illustrious predecessors in some respects and but for the failure of the bank he would now doubtless be an honored and respected citizen instead of a felon "doing time" in the Eastern Penitentiary.  
Money in the hands of one who knows how to use it is one of the most powerful of tools, and Mr. Widener soon demonstrated his ability to use the new instrument he found himself possessed of quite as well as he used to wield the cleaver. So it came about that the Philadelphia Traction Company was formed with Mr. Widener as a vice-president. He and his bosom friend, William L. Elkins, were the financiers of the company, and from a small beginning at first, they have grown to a large and powerful corporation with twenty millions of paid up capital. To do this Mr. Widener had to have the confidence of the banks. He won this and to his credit he never betrayed them, even in the darkest hour jeopardizing his own fortune to protect banks which were creditors of the company or held its securities as collateral. Such an act required great nerve but he did it without flinching, thus tiding the affairs of the company over a crisis the seriousness of which very few of the people who are enjoying dividends of eight per cent upon their Traction stock ever realized.  
The fluctuations of the stock of this great street railway company have afforded Mr. Widener, who finally became its president, an opportunity to multiply his fortune until he has become a millionaire several times over. He had full knowledge when the company would increase its dividend and possessed of this information he could go into the market and buy up the stock at very low prices with the assurance that he could resell it at a handsome price when the public became aware of the fact that the dividend was increased. For many years it was customary to issue stock that was not full paid. Mr. Widener knew exactly when another call for five or ten dollars per share would be made and he knew too that such calls were likely to send the market value of the stock down. If he were inclined to make money at the expense of others he could, under these circumstances, sell the stock at a high figure and buy it again at a much lower figure later on. So he might operate also when there was about to be made an increase in the number of shares. It is not for us to say that he did these things, but he was in a position to make money in this way if he chose and it is apparent that he has become a very rich man. So profitable did he find the financing of the Philadelphia Traction Company that the same tactics were followed in Chicago, Pittsburgh and New York, in all of which cities Mr. Widener has large interests in street railways. It takes a man of great physical and mental strength to undergo such a strain and even he is glad to escape from it. He has weathered all the storms and at last handed the company over to the new Union Traction Company with a guarantee of eight per cent to the stockholders, and they must all admit that he has done well for them and has earned the pleasure and rest which he is now about to enjoy.  
The yacht is to cost a couple of hundred thousand dollars, which, after all, is not much when compared to the cost of Mr. Widener's palatial mansion on North Broad street and his beautiful country home furnished as they are with paintings from the hands of the world's best artists and with costly rugs and hangings which indeed produce Oriental splendor. F. D. M.

**ROYAL Baking Powder**  
**ABSOLUTELY PURE**  
Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report  
—A curious and interesting relic of the old days was unearthed in Germantown a few days ago. John Baughan, a contractor who is putting in a new sewer, discovered a pick of curious design imbedded fifteen feet under the ground. It was covered with rust, and after cleaning it off, the date 1772 was clearly discernible. The pick, which is consequently 123 years old, was presented by Mr. Baughan to P. Martol, of Somerville, who displays it with pardonable pride.  
—The final appraisement of the estate of the late Jay Gould foots up the sum of \$100,000,000. The bulk of the estate is in real estate, and the rest is in various kinds of personal property, mostly railroad securities. This is probably the largest fortune ever made in so short a time by speculative methods alone; and whatever may be thought of the morality of the man who made it, there can be no doubt about his rare intellectual endowment and his masterly grasp of business conditions.  
—Augustine Willett, a well-known citizen of Bensalem, died at his home, near Oakford, on Wednesday last week, after a lingering illness, of consumption. The deceased was an active Democratic politician and in 1886 was elected a member of the lower house of the State Legislature. He was re-elected in 1888. Mr. Willett was married a daughter of the late Ira Hoge-lund, of Morrisville.  
—A farmer in Eastern Pennsylvania has harvested 8000 bushels of potatoes on thirty-one acres of land, and his neighbor's crop on twenty acres is 4800 bushels. The United States this year will emit its usual large importation of potatoes, as the crop throughout the country is enormous.  
—The fruit-growing industry in Oregon is growing very rapidly. The State Secretary of Horticulture estimates that this fall there are 565,000 acres of pears, peaches, apples and such kinds of fruits in the State, 35,000 acres of prunes and 1500 acres of berries.  
—Philadelphia has found no difficulty in selling another loan at 3 per cent directly to its citizens without paying a cent of commission. The new loan is for \$1,200,000, and the subscriptions the first day amounted to \$370,600, in sums ranging from \$100 to \$40,000.  
**Giving West?**  
If so, you should have one of the geographically correct maps of the United States issued by the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railway. They run solid vestibuled, electric lighted, steam heated trains between Chicago, Council Bluffs, Omaha, Milwaukee, LaCrosse, Winona, St. Paul, and Minneapolis, connecting at Omaha with all lines for all points in Nebraska, Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Nevada, and California. At St. Paul with all lines for all points in Montana, Oregon, Washington, and Northwest British territory. Write to John R. Holt, district passenger agent, Williamsport, Pa., for one of the maps and any information desired in reference to rates of fare to any point west.

**LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.**  
—Sweet cider is now in the market.  
—Thanksgiving will be the next holiday.  
—Mary King, of Bristol, has been granted a respite and increase of pension.  
—Hallow 'E'en next Thursday night. Take in your movable gates and door steps.  
—Philip Stackhouse and George Brown-flek have opened a new meat market at 433 Borraine street.  
—A piano supper will be given in the Presbyterian Church on Friday evening, November 1st, commencing at six o'clock. Tickets, 25 cents.  
—The publication of the Chronicle, the organ of St. James' Church, which was suspended some months ago, is to be resumed with Ralph L. Morrow as editor.  
—Bridget Rich, of Bristol, was released from jail on last Thursday morning. She had been serving time since the C. O. (Civil) Court for the non-payment of costs.  
—Thomas DeWitt, the Pond street florist, has over 1000 Chrysanthemum plants in full bloom. Many of the plants are over 4 feet in height, flowers 6 inches in diameter.  
—List of letters remaining in Bristol post-office, October 24th, 1895: Miss Nellie Mull, Miss Elva Whittington, Mrs. Mary Laitsch, Miss Kate Hennessy, Fritz Heidecker, H. M. Huffman.  
—The Second Baptist Church of Bristol (colored) is building a new church on Race street. It will be a frame structure and will have a seating capacity of about three hundred.  
—Smith Brothers, of Yardville, N. J., who recently rented J. H. Wood's store room, on corner of Mill and Wood streets, opened on Saturday with a full line of goods suitable for the fall and winter season.  
—Mrs. Hattie R. Tyler, wife of William C. Tyler, of the steamboat Florence, committed suicide at Bordentown, N. J., on Monday, by hanging herself in the collar of her home. Mrs. Tyler had been melancholy for some time.  
—The following new books have been placed on the shelves of the Bristol Library: "In the Procession," "The Cliff Dwellers," "A Colonial Moving," "The Adventures of Captain Horn," "My Literary Passion," "Doreen" and "Kitty's Engagement."

**Barns Burned.**  
Early on Saturday evening the barn on the farm late of Jacob M. Johnson in Bensalem was discovered to be on fire, which was quickly consumed, together with the hay and crops therein. Aaron Goodman who farms the place was at supper when the fire broke out. It is thought to be the work of an incendiary. The crops were insured in the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Co., and the buildings in a Philadelphia Co. On Sunday afternoon a barn on the farm of Anton Krusen, a mile east of Newtown, with all its contents was burned; the loss is \$3000 with only \$800 insurance. While this barn was burning the large barn of Stephen Jannet, on the adjoining farm, was discovered to be on fire, and was quickly consumed, together with all the outbuildings, wagon house, ice house and corn crib. Two fine horses, two mules and a number of hogs perished in the flames. Mr. Jannet's loss is \$8000, partly insured in the Buckingham and Langhorne Companies. Mr. Krusen's barn is supposed to have been fired by an incendiary, and it is thought that a spark from this fire was carried by the wind and caused the fire at Mr. Jannet's. The fine large barn on the farm of Edward N. Rly, near Yardville, and the carriage house, corn house and other outbuildings were destroyed by fire about 11 o'clock Sunday night. Three horses, nine cows, all the season's crops, machinery, etc., were consumed. This was a comparatively new barn, one having been burned on the same site some years ago. The loss will be \$10,000. Mr. Rly has an insurance in the Lexington Company of \$8000. The fire was the work of an incendiary. On Monday night a small barn at Eddington belonging to C. S. Vandegrift was burned by an incendiary.

**Wedding Anniversary.**  
Last Saturday evening the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Watson on Jefferson avenue was the scene of a delightful evening party in celebration of their seventh wedding anniversary. The decorations of the table and the presents from their numerous friends were very pretty. The Misses Peterson assisted the hostess in a very admirable manner in receiving and entertaining the numerous guests.  
Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Burton, of Tullytown; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morrow, of Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. John Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Burton, Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Gehan, Mr. and Mrs. Alpheus Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. John Stout and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Stout, Miss Ella Morrow, Miss Morrow, of Philadelphia; Misses Hartshorn, Misses Buck, Miss Sallie Thorton, Miss Anna Peterson, Miss Emily Peterson, Miss Lucy Peterson, Miss Lizette Peterson, Mr. Andrew Fenton, Mr. Robert J. Hetherington, Mr. G. J. Cakes, Mr. William Smyer.











